

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0119] with the following amended paragraph:

[0119] The receiving apparatus 600 has selection condition input means 601 provided as a user interface through which a user on the receiving apparatus side inputs a selection condition, and selection condition transmitting means 602 for transmitting the selection condition. The functions of the ~~means from the receiving~~ means 603, reverse conversion means 604, descendent node substitute information restoration means 605, data reconstruction means 606 and ~~to~~ the display means 607 are the same as those of the means 301 to 305 shown in FIG. 23, and description for them will not be repeated.

Please replace paragraph [0138] with the following amended paragraph:

[0138] Display means 65: display means 805 ~~704~~

Please replace paragraph [0163] with the following amended paragraph:

[0163] The basic form of the transmitting apparatus 1000 is the same as the configuration of the transmitting apparatus 700 (FIG. 27) in Embodiment 3. Also in the block diagram of the transmitting apparatus 1000, a portion corresponding to a search engine or the like in a search system is omitted. It is assumed that in the transmitting apparatus 1000 a plurality of files to be transmitted are collected at the file storage means 1001. The means 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004 and ~~to~~ 1005 shown in FIG. 30 have the same functions as the means 701 to 705 shown in FIG. 27.

Please replace paragraph [0165] with the following amended paragraph:

[0165] The basic form of the receiving apparatus 1100 (FIG. 31) is the same as the configuration of the receiving apparatus 800 (FIG. 28) in Embodiment 3. The means 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104 and ~~to~~ 1105 shown in FIG. 31 have the same functions as the means 801 to 805 shown in FIG. 28.

Please replace paragraph [0169] with the following amended paragraph:

[0169] FIG. 33 is a block diagram of a transmitting apparatus 1300 having the function of changing priorities by an operation performed by a transmitting-side user in a tree-structured document transmitting and receiving system. The basic configuration of the transmitting apparatus 1300 is the same as that in Embodiment 2 shown in FIG. 25. The means 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308 and ~~to~~ 1309 shown in FIG. 33 have the same functions as the means 502 to 509 shown in FIG. 25. Therefore, description for them will not be repeated. The correspondence relationship between the elements in FIG. 4 and the elements in FIG. 33 is as shown below.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Please replace the sheet containing FIG. 28 with enclosed replacement sheet containing revised Fig. 28, where ref. no. 701 has been changed to 805. Support for the change is found at paragraph 139 lines 21-25.